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SUBJ: RESULTS OF SECOND SUB-REGIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS FOR
PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD, ISLAMABAD

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1. PARTICIPANTS OF SUBJECT MEETING--BURMA, INDIA, IRAN, MONGOLIA, NEPAL AND SRI LANKA--PRESENTED STATUS REPORTS OF NATIONAL PAPERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES HIGHLIGHTING THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN DRAFT NATIONAL PAPERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONFERENCE AGENDA:
1) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (2) INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGE-
MENTS AND NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL CMOPERATION IN THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND (3) UTILIZATION OF THE EXISTING UN SYSTEMS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2. BASIC PROBLEM CITED BY ALL DELEGATES WAS INADEQUACY OF THE DOMESTIC S AND T CAPABILITY, WHICH HAS STIFLED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SEVERAL WAYS: (AL USE OF INAPPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, (B) POOR ADAPTION OF TECHNOLOGY IN USE OF INDIGENOUS RAW MATERIAL AND SKILLS AND IN USE OF LABOR-INTENSIVE METHODS (C) INAPPROPRIATE SCALE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND (D) INADEQUATE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION WITHIN THE
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COUNTRY-EXTENSION SERVICES.

3. RE HUMAN RESOURCES, THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED THAT:
A) THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MOUNT PROGRAMS IN R & D IN THEIR COUNTRIES RELATED TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TAKE IN SCIENTISTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR TRAINING IN THESE INSTITUTIONS.

B) A SPECIAL FUND BE CREATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN TO BE SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE COUNTRIES RECEIVING TRAINED HUMAN RESOURCES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE FUND WOULD BE USED TO INCREASE THE TRAINING CAPACITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT LOSE THEIR TRAINED MANPOWER.

C) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALLOCATE A PART OF THEIR R&D EXPENDITURE TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ASSOCIATE SCIENTISTS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THEIR R&D PROJECTS.

D) MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN S&T TRAINING AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH ON COMMON PROBLEM ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS.

E) THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT BE EXAMINED AND WHERE NECESSARY STEPS CONSIDERED TO MOBILIZE THIS VALUABLE HUMAN RESOURCE MORE EFFICIENTLY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. FUNDING

A) AID FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE MORE ON IMPROVING THE S&T CAPABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WHERE PROGRAMS NOW EXIST (E.G. IDRG, SAREC, BRITISH ODM) THE CONTRIBUTIONS LO BE INCREASED.

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B) INCREASED CONTRIBUTION BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE UN AGENCIES FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE CHanneled TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR INCREASING THE S&T CAPABILITY.

5. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

A) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE AT LOW COSTS, TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES E.G. SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.

B) THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE AT LOW COST SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT.

C) THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE STRONG DOMESTIC COMPONENTS AND NOT BE ON TURN KEY BASIS WHICH WHICH DOES NOTHING TO ADVANCE THE S&T CAPABILITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE MULTINATIONALS SHOULD COOPERATE ACTIVELY IN THIS EFFORT.

D) INCREASED EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND MUTUAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ENDEAVORS

BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

E) RESULTS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MAKE FREELY AVAILABLE TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

F) THE POOLING OF RESOURCES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN A REGION IN REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURE.

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6. A) GLOBAL, REGIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CENTERS FOR STD INFORMATION SHOULD BE SET UP TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO HAVE READY ACCESS TO RELEVANT STD INFORMATION. SUCH CENTERS SHOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPPLYING AT LOW COST (PRINTED CHEAPLY IN THE REGION) BOOKS, PERIODICALS ETC AND PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR TRANSLATION RELATING TO STD.

B) S&T TRAINING COMPONENTS SHOULD FORM ESSENTIAL PARTS OF PROJECT AID PROGRAMS. THE REGIONAL CENTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS ON MATTERS OF RELEVANCE TO THE REGION E.G. POST HARVEST TECHNOLOGIES FOR COUNTRIES IN THE ESCAP REGION. THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL CENTERS SHOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR SETTING UP NATIONAL CENTERS AND SUPPLY CRITICAL INPUTS REQUIRED FOR THE SETTING OF SUCH CENTERS.

:) THE UN EXPERTS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN TRAINING LOCAL PERSONNEL.

\$) THE UNCSTD SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE SUITABLE

MODIFIED, TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AFTER 1979 TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMS OF ACTION THAT EMERGE AT UNCSTD.

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7. FOLLOW-UP ACTION

THE MEETING RECOMMENDED THAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION BE TAKEN AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE NATIONAL PAPERS AND UNTIL THE MAIN CONFERENCE IS HELD IN AUGUST, 1979. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT AN INTER-REGIONAL MEETING BE HELD WITH PARTICIPATION FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL, FOR DISCUSSING THE PROPOSALS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE REGIONS CONCERNED. AS USEFUL INPUT TO THIS MEETING WILL BE A BACKGROUND PAPER PREPARED BY RCTT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE REGION. THE MEETING MAY BE ORGANIZED BY ESCAP IN COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO AND UNCSTD. THE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN JANUARY 1979. THE MEETING ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SECTORAL MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY UN AGENCIES DURING THIS PERIOD SHOULD PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF UNCSTD.

8. ITEMS OF AGREEMENT:

THERE SHOULD BE A STRONGER CONSCIOUSNESS AND EFFORT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TOWARDS THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT BY WAY OF:

A) EXAMINING THE SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CURRICULA IN RELATION TO SCIENCE EDUCATION AND WHERE NECESSARY MAKING THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES RATHER THAN CARRYING ON WITH HISTORIC PATTERNS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING THAT MAY NOT PLACE SUFFICIENT EMPHASIS ON CREATIVE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING ATTITUDES.

?) THERE SHOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE LINKAGES BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS ON ONE
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HAND AND THE USERS OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE OTHER.

:) ALLOCATION OF SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FUNDS TO R&D WHERE SUCH ALLOCATION IS PRESENTLY MINIMAL, OR WHERE FUNDS ARE ADEQUATE, TO CRITICALLY ASSESS THE DIRECTION

OF S&T RESEACH AND TO MAKE CHANGES WHERE NECESSARY.

9. MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) AN INTER-REGIONAL MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN JANUARY 1979 TO WHICH PARTICIPANTS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED FOR DISCUSSING THE PROPOSALS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE REGION IN RELATION TO CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS NOS.2 AND 3. THE MEETING MAY BE JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY ESCAP, UNESCO AND UNCSTD.

?) A SPECIAL FUND SHOULD BE CREATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UN FOR INCREASING THE S&T TRAINING CAPACITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

:) INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO UN AGENCIES SHOULD BE USED FOR PROMOTING THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

\$) RCTT SHOULD ACTIVELY ASSIST THE MEMBER STATES OF THE REGION BY PROVIDING CRITICAL INPUTS TO NATIONAL CENTERS, CARRYING OUT FEASIBILITY REPORTS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CENTERS AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE REGION (E.G.) POST HARVEST TECHNOLOGY).
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